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Evren Eryurek et al.

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For: FIDUCIAL TECHNIQUE FOR ESTIMATING

AND USING DEGRADATION LEVELS IN A

PROCESS PLANT

Examiner: Thomas K. Pham

## **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.116)**

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2004, rejecting claims 1-27 and 29-35, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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